

SOAR

Lesson #3

Why did God create me?

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Prayer: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

PREP

You will need:

- One set of cards for each small or large group (master at the end of this lesson plan)
- Game Prizes (optional)
- Story Props (optional)
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid)
- MAP Books (1 per kid)

PICTURE

(The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to retell the Bible story presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When telling the story, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- Try asking kids to act out the passage
- You might use props like: flashlight, basket
- Maybe you could have the kids stand up and shout "shine bright" each time you say a word like light or lamp

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world – like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine

for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

PLAY

(Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

"SHINE"

HOW TO START:

- Divide kids into teams of 2-5 kids each

HOW TO PLAY:

- Say, "This game is called SHINE. This game will help us to think about things we can do to shine Jesus' love to everyone."
- Hand out one SHINE card to each group
- Ask the teams to read their SHINE cards
- Give the teams 5 minutes or so to think of a situation that answers the question on the card
- Ask the kids to plan a short, silent skit to act out their answers
- Each team then acts out their skit without any talking
- The other teams attempt to guess what is going on in the skit
- Give each team a turn while the others guess
- Small Group teams may take more than one turn each until all the cards have been used
- For younger kids: you might read the cards and make up the skits together

SHINE CARDS:

1. When Jesus shines through you, what is one good deed that people might see you do at school?
2. When Jesus shines through you, what is one good deed that people might see you do at church?
3. When Jesus shines through you, what is one good deed that people might see you do at home?
4. When Jesus shines through you, what is one good deed that people might see you do with your friends?
5. When Jesus shines through you, what is one good deed that people might see you do when you play sports?
6. When Jesus shines through you, what is one good deed that people might see you do when someone needs help?
7. When Jesus shines through you, what is one good deed that people might see you do with your money?
8. When Jesus shines through you, what is one good deed that people might see you do using your talent (the things you are good at doing)?

PLAY OPTIONS:

- Hand out game prizes to all players

PLAN

(Group Commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any ONE of the options provided or your group may create its own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.

Commitment Options:

- Hold a mirror outside and let the sunlight reflect off of it. Think about how we reflect the love of Jesus to the people around us
- Make a list of good things you can do around your house to shine the love of Jesus. Pray and ask God to help you to do them this week
- Shine the love of Jesus to someone this week by saying something encouraging to him/her

PRAYER

In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.

Hand out prayer cards

- Ask kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided
- Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided
- Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids
- Close in prayer

God, we want to shine for you by loving the people around us. We want people to see your love in us so that they will get to know Jesus too. Help us to love others at home, at school, and everywhere we go this week. Help us to be kids who are patient, kind, humble, and honest, and help us to do the things we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name, amen.

Remember to...

- Hand out the MAP Books
- Encourage kids to complete at home with an adult and bring back next week!

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